However, for modernization of its fleet and for expansion of routes, both the airlines are in the process of inducting new aircraft in their fleet. While, Air India has signed a purchase agreement with M/s Boeing for purchase of 68 aircraft, Indian Airliens Limited has signed an agreement with M/s Airbus Industries for procurement of 43 Airbus aircraft. The above fleet expansion programme envisages induction of aircraft in a phased manner and also phasing out of some of their older aircraft in the present fleet.

Modernization of IGIA

4280. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi International Airport Ltd. has started implementation of the Master Plan for the expansion and modernization of Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps so far undertaken by it; and

(c) by when the entire modernization of the airport would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Major developmental works undertaken by Delhi International Airport (Private) Limited (DIAL) in the first phase of modernisation at Delhi airport include expansion of Domestic Terminal (T1), refurbishment of International Terminal (T2), construction of a new runway and associated taxiways and new passenger terminal (T3). On completion, these facilities would cater to a traffic of 37 million passenger per annum.

(c) The first phase of the modernisaton would be completed by mid 2010.

Special terminal at GMR-HIAL

4281. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special terminal for low cost airlines is being constructed in the GMR-Hyderabad Inernational Airport Limited (HIAL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the proposals before Government for utilization of the existing airport once the GMR-HIAL airport becomes operational at Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) There is a provision in the Master Plan of Hyderabad International Airport Limited (HIAL) for a seperate terminal for low cost airlines at the new Rajiv Gandhi International Airport coming up at Shamshabad, Hyderabad. However, the feasibility studies for the construction of this terminal would be taken up after the completion of Phase-I in March, 2008.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) is considering to set up an Integrated Aviation Academy or Aviation University at the existing Hyderabad International Airport, as also to set up maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities for the airlines, once the new airport becomes operational.

Decrease in air cargo fare

†4282. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is 15 to 20 per cent decrease in air cargo fare during recent period;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor and whether Government had prior information in this regard;

(c) the efforts being made to avert it so that aviation companies can be saved from incurring loss; and

(d) by when Government efforts would show their results?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.